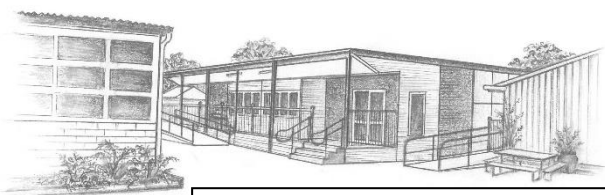


# TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3067



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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone

It was great to hear that the 8 students who attended the Woorabinda Camp had a wonderful time last week. Sincere apologies in regard to the hold up with the buses on the return trip – obviously this was unavoidable. This experience will hold these students in good stead with the camps that will be held in Term 4 for the Grade 3-6's. I would recommend that payments for these start now, to ease the financial load on families when these occur. Some specific information is in the newsletter.

I was away for a couple of days last week at some very informative meetings. These addressed Buildings and Grounds Issues, OHS and our Annual Implementation Plan, which addresses specific targets and goals that we strive for throughout the year. On Thursday, I will be having a meeting with my SEIL (Senior Education Improvement Leader) Scott Watson to discuss specific progress about this.

Our enrolment is now 78 – and we welcome the Guthrie Family to our school (Jhet – Grade 5 and Izzy – Grade 4). Changing schools can be difficult decision but I am sure that our whole school community will make sure that this transition is a smooth one for all involved. Welcome to our wonderful school!

We are in desperate need of some help with some Props and Costumes with the school production so if you can help in any way please let us know. It is hard to believe that this Production is only about 4 weeks away and we will do our best to make sure that this show is as great as it has been in the past. We have never had to postpone this show – but if we feel that we are not quite ready this may occur. Unfortunately, with the Athletic Sports being postponed to Term 3 – time and preparation has been an issue.

In this edition of the newsletter, there is some specific information in regard to the Athletic Sports, the Parent Opinion Survey, the Choir Performance and the Father's Day Breakfast. The latter was a great success in 2016, but at the moment we have had no RSVP's in regard to this – so please do this ASAP to assist with catering. I am sure the Dads, Uncle's, Grand Dad's and Special Friends would love some special food before they head off to work in the morning.

Karen will be at the school until Thursday as usual to attend to any matters that arise. I look forward to catching up with some parents throughout the week – School Council is on Wednesday night.

David Brodie (Principal)

I will be away on leave from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at a family wedding in QLD unfortunately. Mrs Haberfeld will be Acting Principal during this time.

**PLAYGROUP WILL BE HELD THIS THURSDAY AT 9AM IN THE MULTI PURPOSE ROOM – ALL ARE WELCOME.**

The Parents Club are hosting a bus-shopping trip to Melbourne for a fundraiser. We have 2 potential dates for the Shopping Trip. These are Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. A proposed itinerary would include DFO, Vic Market and the Bourke Street Mall. The cost for the bus for the shopping trip is appropriately \$45 per person including a glass of champagne and nibbles. Could preference for the day be sent to Philippa Collins please on 0458 298422.

***PERMISSION FORMS FOR THE SWIMMING PROGRAM WILL GO HOME SOON. IF ANY FAMILIES ARE CONSIDERING NOT PARTICIPATING COULD YOU CONTACT THE OFFICE ASAP PLEASE – COST WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$55 – TBC.***

***PAYMENTS FOR THE GRADE 3/4 & 5/6 CAMPS CAN NOW BE MADE.***

**Random Acts of Kindness  
– this week's givers are: Max and Ashton.  
Well done to Hamish & Imogen  
for last week.**

**THE NEXT PARENTS CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST AT 3.30PM – ALL ARE WELCOME**

## DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT

Account Name:

Tallygaropna Primary School

BSB: 063—527

Account number: 00907788

**Please ensure you include family name and payment description as reference.**



**Photos of the Week – Aerial Photos of Tallygaroopna PS and Local Area**





## Photos of the Week – Bike Ed. Program





Photos of the Week – Grease Performance (Alliance Schools)





Photos of the Week – Men's Shed Action / Staff Purchase of Books





### Photos of the Week – New Enrolments at Tallygaroopna PS (2018)

Welcome to Bailey and Charlotte to our school community and we look forward to having you at Tallygaroopna PS. A reminder to get those enrolment forms in ASAP, so that more presentations can be made at assembly over the next few weeks.



**A big welcome to Jhet and Izzy Guthrie who had their first day at school today. We welcome the Guthrie Family to our school community and hope your time at Tallygaroopna PS is an enjoyable and rewarding one.**

**Our kids matter.**  
KidsMatter helps our school nurture  
happy, balanced kids.

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Mental Health Initiative  
[kidsmatterprimary.edu.au](http://kidsmatterprimary.edu.au)

Thanks to those families who helped with Book Covering over the last couple of weeks. Some more books have arrived, so if you could help again please contact the office.

Dear Parents,

During our Maths this week we will be continuing on adding and subtracting decimals. I am wondering if you can bring in any old junk mail catalogues as we will use these.

Thank you  
Miss Litzow



TALLYGAROPNA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRIDES ITSELF ON  
BEING A COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL

IT'S NOT OK  
TO BE AWAY

Our general school rule is to  
"consider the feelings of others at all times".

CyberSafety Tip of the Week:

**Don't react—slow down**

If you hear something from your friend, the bully, or read something online that causes you to become angry, sad or scared, create a break for yourself. Put your phone down for a couple of minutes. This gives you time

 to calm down and think things through.

To find out more go to: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/rewrite-your-story/support/professional-advice>

**IF ALL FAMILIES COULD DONATE A BOX OF TISSUES TO THE SCHOOL  
THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THESE CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE  
OFFICE.**





**Supervision – before and after school hours**

A reminder to families that children should be in attendance at school before 9am,  
but teacher supervision will not be provided before 8.30am.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### – Term 3 / Week 2

All students received a certificate and also a free icy pole voucher to use this term.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Foundation / Grade 1</u></b>  <b><u>Miss Beer's Curious Caterpillars</u></b>  <b>Stevie</b></p> 	<p>It has been excellent to see Stevie applying himself during Reading and Maths activities. He has been pushing himself to do his best and having a go at activities even if he is struggling, before asking for help. Keep up the good work Stevie!!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grade 1/2</u></b>  <b><u>Miss L's Crafty Cats</u></b>  <b>Jai</b></p> 	<p>It has been so good to see Jai getting all of his Spelling words correct on his recent Spelling tests. He has been working especially hard during learning time and I am very impressed with the effort he has been putting into his work. Well done Jai!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grade 3/4</u></b>  <b><u>Mrs H's Mad Hatters</u></b>  <b>Declan</b></p> 	<p>Declan received this week's award for the awesome way he listened so well in Bike Ed last week and for the phenomenal effort he has been putting into his schoolwork not only in Spelling where he got 15/15 two weeks in a row but in all his classwork. A fabulous effort!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grade 5/6</u></b>  <b><u>Miss T's Funky Monkeys</u></b>  <b>Alicia</b></p> 	<p>Alicia received the award this week for the way she listened during Bike Ed and for following all the road rules during the On-road Test. Great work Alicia.</p>

**Values Vault Winner for Week 2 was Tom & Mathew**  
**Nude Food Winners – 1/2**



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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grade 1/2</u></b>  <b><u>Miss L's Crafty Cats</u></b>  <b>Savannah</b></p> 	<p>This week Savannah received our first V.I.P. award for demonstrating positive behaviours such as being a good role model, putting her best effort into her work and being a good friend to others. As V.I.P. she got to enjoy special privileges for the day. Well done Savannah!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grade 3/4</u></b>  <b><u>Mrs H's Mad Hatters</u></b>  <b>Nate</b></p> 	<p>Nate received this week's award for the great way he showed his great leadership skills this week when the Grade 4's were away. Well done Nate!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grade 5/6</u></b>  <b><u>Miss T's Funky Monkeys</u></b>  <b>Grace</b></p> 	<p>Grace received this week's award for showing improvement in her Spelling and Timetables, especially with the Friday test.</p>

**Values Vault Winner for Week 3 was Hamish**  
**Nude Food Winners – F/1 & 3/4**

## ATHLETIC SPORTS PROGRAM – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

SCHOOL	EVENT
Congupna/Tallygaroopna	<b><u>Shot Put</u></b>
Invergordon/Lemnos	Hurdles
Katamatite	High Jump
Katandra West	
Kialla Central	Distance 200m & 800m
Kialla West	Triple Jump
Tallygaroopna	<b><u>Long Jump</u></b>
Shepp East	Sprints / Relays

**Staff will be responsible for the 5/6 Year Old Boys and the 10 Year Old Girls Groups**  
**We will need help getting our School Marquee to the venue – if you can help contact the school ASAP please.**

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

#### Times

9:15 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICIALS & ASSEMBLY OF CHILDREN

	L/J 5-13	T/J 7-13	HUR 5-13	H/J 5-13	200m 5-13	S/P Vor 5/6	SPRINT 5-13
9:30 10:05	5/6	12/13	11	10	9	8	7
10:05 10:40	7	REST	12/13	11	10	9	8
10:40 11:15	8	7	5/6	12/13	11	10	9
11:15 11:50	9	8	7	5/6	12/13	11	10

12:00 – 12:30 LUNCH BREAK

800m will be run during lunch break.  
 10yrs boys/girls, 11yrs boys/girls & 12/13yrs boys/girls

12:30 1:05	10	9	8	7	5/6	12/13	11
1:05 1:40	11	10	9	8	7	5/6	12/13
1:40 2:15	12/13	11	10	9	8	7	5/6
2:30	RELAYS 10, 11, 12/13yrs 4 x 100m Parloof Relays CAPTAIN BALL						

**CAN FOSBURY FLOP FORMS FOR HIGH JUMP BE RETURNED THIS WEEK PLEASE. A  
 NUMBER OF FORMS WERE SENT HOME LAST WEEK AGAIN.**



### **1. Registers**

We have had a fantastic response to our Registers - great work everyone. We have records of the following:

Child Safe Code of Conduct - 67 returned

Food Handling - 15 returned

Food Handling online course if found here - <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/welcome.php>

The Child Safe Code of Conduct is recommended to be signed for all volunteers as well.

Any certificates for food handling need to have copies at the office.

A reminder for all Working With Children Cards to be presented at the office also.

### **2. Unsafe Behaviours**

No members of the community (children / adults) should be performing any unsafe acts at any time or be at unsafe heights (over 2 metres) during or after school hours. We obviously have Trespass signs displayed around the school so safe behaviour should always be adhered to. The school or Department of Education takes no responsibility for anyone not adhering to this.

### **3. CFA Van Visit**

All students in the school have an opportunity to participate in this program on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August. There is no cost for this program and no permission forms are necessary because this is an incursion held at school. CFA's mobile education program gives primary and secondary school students the chance to learn about home fire safety and summer fire safety in a fun and exciting way. Lessons are delivered on board customised vehicles (Mobile Education Units - MEUs) that visit schools throughout Victoria. Each one-hour lesson is tailored according to year level and supported by extra materials to help teachers follow up on important fire safety topics back in the classroom.

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Two types of Mobile Education Units are available:

Home Fire Safety: Open to all year levels from Prep to Grade 6. Through hands-on activities, students will learn about home fire safety.

Bushfire Safety: Open to all year levels from Prep to Grade 6. Through hands-on activities, students will learn about summer fire safety.

### **4. School Council**

This will be held this Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August beginning at 7.30pm. The Finance Committee will meet prior to this at 6.30pm. All School Councillors will receive information about this tonight.

### **5. Staffing (F/1)**

We have started the recruitment process to replace Miss Beer who will be taking some leave obviously. This position will close in a couple of weeks and we hope to make a formal announcement to the whole school on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Miss Beer's last day will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

### **6. School Crossing Safety**

It has come to our attention that some cars are not giving way to children or families who are approaching or going over the school crossing. This must be adhered to for the **safety** of anyone who uses this crossing. Could all families keep an eye on this please and reinforce this at home as much as possible to prevent a disaster from happening.

### **7. Camps – Term 4**

Parents are recommended to start thinking about some payments for the Camps, which are coming up in Term 4. These are summarised below. Medical and other specific forms will be sent home before the end of Term.

Grade 5/6 Camp to Canberra – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Cost – approximately \$330 (TBC – depending on Chocolate Drive Fundraising)

The Initial Cost for this camp is \$430 (this includes a \$30 rebate)

Grade 3/4 Camp to 15 Mile Creek – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Cost – approximately \$200 (TBC)

**ALL PAYMENTS NEED TO BE MADE BEFORE THE CAMPS BEGIN.**

### **8. Choir Performance**

Our school has a School Choir, which works together every fortnight on a Music Day during some of lunchtime. This group is in its initial stages but we are looking at doing a performance at Shepparton in the morning of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August at the Winter Market in the Mall. If you can help with transport for this event please contact the school. We are hoping to leave the school by 8.30am with our performance beginning just after 9am in the Mall in Shepparton. We are aiming to be back at school by 10am. More specific information will be available soon and permission forms will go home for all members of the Choir. We hope that this initiative will be well supported. Supervision will be provided by Mr Brodie and Mrs McQuilton (Music Teacher).

### **9. School Disco**

Our next social event is planned for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August in the Multi Purpose Room. There is an advertisement in this edition of the newsletter and the School Disco is one of the highlights of the school year. We look forward to seeing all of our children dressed up smartly on this night.

### **10. Jump Rope For Heart**

Sponsorship forms have been sent home for any students wishing to raise money for the Heart Foundation. There are a number of wonderful prizes to win for this and all children are encouraged to be with an adult when seeking donations for this program – these have been extended for a couple of weeks. Our Jump Off Day will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

### **11. Father's Day Breakfast**

At the Parents Club Meeting last week, we decided to again hold a Father's Day Breakfast for the wonderful Dad's, Grand Dad's or Uncles out there. The Breakfast will be held on Friday 1st September from 7am until 9am. Breakfast will involve - Bacon and Egg Rolls or Muffins & Coffee / Tea / Milo.

Special visitors are invited to stay around after breakfast to play some Board Games / Table Tennis. Students will be monitored at school by staff when special visitors have to leave.

This is a wonderful initiative and I am sure our kids would love to see plenty of Dad's or Grand Dad's or Uncles at this event. Reply in the slip in the newsletter or contact the school on 58298264, if you can attend with names of all people attending please. Any new students intending to come to our school in 2018 are invited to participate as well - just might be an early start obviously.

**We only have 2 reply at this stage – PLEASE RSVP ASAP PLEASE.**

### **12. Parent Opinion Survey**

We are conducting a survey to find out what you think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, many parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August – more information will follow over the next few weeks.

Results will be sent back to our school at the end of September.

For more information, see: [Parent Opinion Survey](#)

**ENVELOPES WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARENT OPINION SURVEY WENT HOME TODAY.**

### **13. Playgroup Dates**

This program continues this week and will be coordinated by John Hosking. Community members are invited to drop in with their little ones and have a tea / coffee and a chat. Playgroup is every fortnight and begins at 9am and concludes at 11am. Specific dates remaining for 2017 are below – these are all open to change:

Term 3 – August 10<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup>, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Term 4 – October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>



#### **14. Orientation Program – Foundation (2017)**

The following days have been scheduled for new Foundation students for 2018. This Orientation Program is essential to starting school. Dates are below and these are all confirmed.

Day 1 – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October (9am – 11am)  
Day 2 – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October (9am – 11.30am)  
Day 3 – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November (9am – 2pm)  
Day 4 (Statewide) – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (all day)

#### **15. Sporting Schools Program**

This program has been confirmed for Term 3 and enrolment forms have been sent home with the eldest in each family. As per usual, sessions after school begin at 3.35pm and will finish at 4.35pm. Students receive a healthy snack before the program begins for all school sessions. Students need to be picked up immediately after each session.

A summary of specific dates for Term 3 are below. Formal permission forms were distributed and must be returned in order to participate in the program.

Table Tennis / Tennis / Badminton – all sessions at school	AFL / Football – all sessions at school
Session 2 - Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> August Session 3 - Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August Session 4 - Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August No Session - Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August (ATHLETIC SPORTS) Session 5 - Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September Session 6 - Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September Session 7 - Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Session 2 - Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August Session 3 - Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August Session 4 - Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August Session 5 - Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August Session 6 - Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September Session 7 - Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September



***Reminder to town students to aim to be at school before 8.50 am on Mondays and Thursdays if wanting to be part of the Breakfast Program. Entry to the Program officially closes at 8.55 am – we cannot serve breakfast to students coming in after this time.***

#### **16. Production**

This is now set up in the Project Room – please take care in this area. We have started rehearsals with this and look forward to seeing the kids develop with their roles over the next couple of months. We are looking for some helpers with costumes, props and backdrops, so if you can help in any way please contact the office. Practice will occur at least 3 times a week in the afternoons, so please be conscious of this – KEEP READING THOSE SCRIPTS!

### **17. Enrolments for 2018**

All of our Open Days have concluded and we look like having at least 8 new Foundation students at our school again for 2018. To assist with planning it would be appreciated if enrolments forms could be in by the end of the term. Enrolment packs can be collected at the office anytime and more school visits can be organised if needed.

### **18. School Uniform Compliance**

Obviously, during the colder months we have some students who are not in school uniforms for a variety of reasons (ie: jumper wet on the clothesline). School uniform reflects our school and it would be appreciated if any students not in uniform present a note to the Principal. Thanks in anticipation.

**ONLY SCHOOL BEANIES (GREEN or RED IN COLOUR) are allowed to be worn at school.**

### **19. Outside School Hours Care**

OSH Care is available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only – we are only licenced for these 3 days at present. A reminder to all families that a new enrolment form for 2017 must be filled in for any children utilising this service. This form is available on our School Website.

[http://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/uploaded\\_files/media/enrolment\\_form\\_2017.pdf](http://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/enrolment_form_2017.pdf)

Each session begins at 3.25pm and concludes at 6pm. Specific information is available at the website below and prices are summarised below as well:

Website - <http://www.tally-ps-3067.vic.edu.au/page/176/Outside-School-Hours-Care>

Permanent Enrolment \$18

Casual Enrolment \$20

If collected before 4.30pm \$11

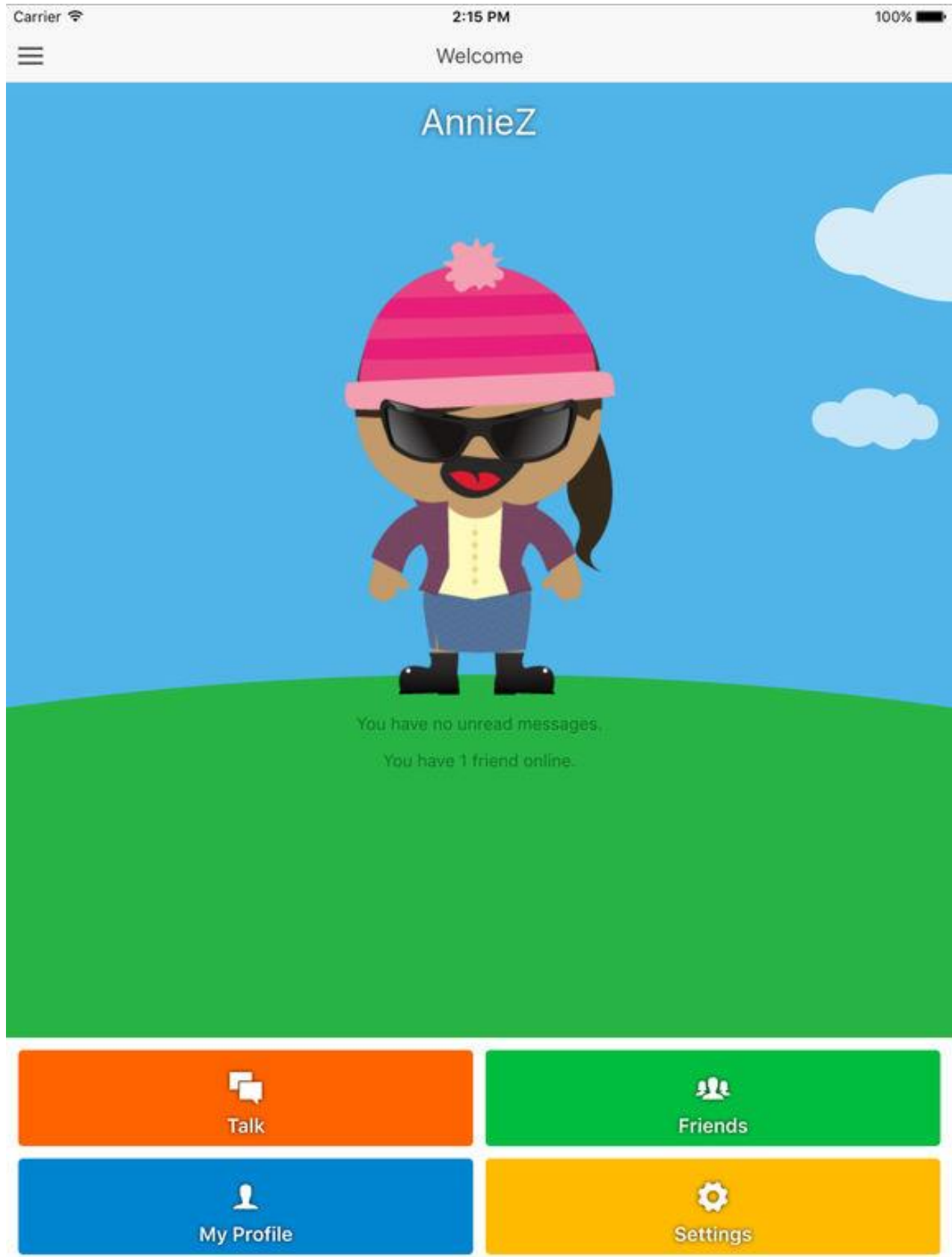
**ENROLMENT FORMS MUST BE RETURNED FOR EACH STUDENT BEFORE THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM AFTER SCHOOL HOURS – WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.**

**THE NEXT COMMUNITY PLAN MEETING WILL BE HELD TONIGHT AT THE CFA SHED BEGINNING AT 7PM. ALL ARE WELCOME.**



### APP FOR STUDENT USE - SKOOVILLE

This will complement the Skooville Program which we use at our school for Grade 3-6 students. Skooville is like Kids Facebook and is monitored by a mediator 24 hours a day 7 nights a week.



## School Disco – Masquerade Mask Night

Our Grade 5/6 students have started to plan the School Disco which is scheduled to be held at school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August in the Multipurpose Room. If any parents can assist with the organisation of this night, could you see David ASAP – decorations and set up of the MP room may begin on the Thursday morning prior to this night. **The Disco will begin at 6pm and conclude at 8.30pm and current Tallygaroopna PS students and siblings are welcome to attend.** Any student attending the Disco will need to make a **\$2 payment** to enter the room and all children will be inside during the night (no students will be allowed to run around outside). Obviously, students will be allowed outside to utilise the toilets and bubble taps. Parents are expected to drop off and pick up their children on the night – **however, all children should be supervised by an adult/parent on the night for the duration of the disco – Staff will be in attendance as well.** If alternative arrangements are made could you contact the office ASAP please. Drinks and food will be available for sale on the night and prizes will be awarded as well. **It should be a fun night with the theme on the night being “Masquerade Masks”.**

**GET THOSE COSTUMES ORGANISED!!!!**



**TALLYGAROPNA P.S. PRODUCTION**

**VENUE: Town Hall**



**MATINEE PERFORMANCE - Rehearsal**

**DATE: TUESDAY 5TH September**

**TIME: 1pm Start (Cluster Schools and  
anyone who cannot make the night show)**

**NIGHT PERFORMANCE**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 6TH September**

**TIME: 7.30pm Start (students to arrive no  
later than 7pm)**

**DVD's can be ordered by contacting the  
office. These are \$20 and must be ordered  
by Friday 1st Sept.**



## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST.

Adult Names.....

Student Names.....

I will be able to attend the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September from 7am to 9am. I should be able to arrive at .....am.

Signed.....



### SUMMER SEASON REGISTRATION

Summer season begins the week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Unfortunately team numbers will be capped this year so get in early or you will miss out.

**\*\*Registrations close FRIDAY 18th August\*\***

### NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Nights of play cannot be determined until all teams have been entered.

Summer registration \$75.00

Register at [www.gsba.com.au](http://www.gsba.com.au)



For those who didn't play Winter Season you will need to pay GSBA insurance before you can take the court. See the GSBA website for the link.

If you have any questions please contact:

PRESIDENT Julie Zito - 0428 549088

VICE PRESIDENT Melinda Brodie - 0430 083148

### Age Groups

Under 10 Born 2009/2010

Under 12 Born 2007/2008

Under 14 Born 2005/2006

Under 16 Born 2003/2004

Under 18 Born 2001/2002

# **Eleven games and activities for parents to encourage maths in early learning**

*How can parents best help their children with their schooling without actually doing it for them? This article is part of our series on [Parents' Role in Education](#), focusing on how best to support learning from early childhood to Year 12.*

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Before beginning official schooling, parents can give their young children a boost in learning mathematics by noticing, exploring and talking about maths during everyday activities at home or out and about.

[New research shows](#) that parents play a key role in helping their children learn mathematics concepts involving time, shape, measurement and number. This mathematical knowledge developed before school is predictive of literacy and numeracy achievements in later grades.

One successful approach for strengthening the role of parents in mathematics learning is [Let's Count](#), implemented by The Smith Family. This builds on parents' strengths and capabilities as the first mathematics educators of their children.

The Let's Count longitudinal evaluation findings [show](#) that when early years educators encourage parents and families to confidently notice, explore and talk about mathematics in everyday activities, their young children's learning flourishes.

Indeed, children whose families had taken part in Let's Count showed greater mathematical skills than those in a comparison group whose families had not participated. For example, they were more successful with correctly making a group of seven (89% versus 63%); continuing patterns (56% versus 34%); and counting collections of 20 objects (58% versus 37%).

These findings, among many others, are a strong endorsement of the power of families helping their children to learn about mathematics in everyday contexts.

## **What parents can do to promote maths every day**

Discussing and exploring mathematics with children requires no special resources. Instead, what is needed is awareness and confidence for parents about how to engage.

However, [our research shows](#) that one of the biggest barriers to this is parents' lack of confidence in leading maths education at home.

Through examining international research, we identified the type of activities that are important for early maths learning which are easy for parents to use. These include:

1. Comparing objects and describing which is longer, shorter, heavier, or holds less.
2. Playing with and describing 2D shapes and 3D objects.
3. Describing where things are positioned, for example, north, outside, behind, opposite.
4. Describing, copying, and extending patterns found in everyday situations.
5. Using time-words to describe points in time, events and routines (including days, months, seasons and celebrations).
6. Comparing and talking about the duration of everyday events and the sequence in which they occur.

7. Saying number names forward in sequence to ten (and eventually to 20 and beyond).
8. Using numbers to describe and compare collections.
9. Using perceptual and conceptual subitising (recognising quantities based on visual patterns), counting and matching to compare the number of items in one collection with another.
10. Showing different ways to make a total (at first with models and small numbers).
11. Matching number names, symbols and quantities up to ten.

### **Games to play using everyday situations**

Neuroscience [research](#) has provided crucial evidence about the importance of early nurturing and support for learning, brain development, and the development of positive dispositions for learning.

Early brain development or “learning” is all about the quality of children’s sensory and motor experiences within positive and nurturing relationships and environments. This explains why programs such as Let’s Count are successful.

Sometimes it can be difficult to come up with activities and games to play that boost children’s mathematics learning, but there are plenty. For example, talk with your children as you prepare meals together. Talk about measuring and comparing ingredients and amounts.

You can play children’s card games and games involving dice, such as Snakes and Ladders, or maps, shapes and money. You can also read stories and notice the mathematics – the sequence of events, and the descriptions of characters and settings.

Although these activities may seem simple and informal, they build on what children notice and question, give families the chance to talk about mathematical ideas and language, and show children that maths is used throughout the day.

### **Make it relevant to them**

Most importantly, encouraging maths and numeracy in young children relies on making it appealing and relevant to them.

For example, when you take your child for a walk down the street, in the park or on the beach, bring their attention to the objects around them – houses, cars, trees, signs.

Talk about the shapes and sizes of the objects, talk about and look for similarities and differences (for example: let’s find a taller tree or a heavier rock), count the number of cars parked in the street or time how long it takes to reach the next corner.

Discuss the temperature or the speed of your walking pace.

Collect leaves or shells, and make repeating patterns on the sand or grass, or play Mathematical I Spy (I spy with my little eye, something that’s taller than mum).

It is never too soon to begin these activities. Babies who are only weeks old notice differences in shapes and the number of objects in their line of sight.

So, from the earliest of ages, talk with your child about the world around them, being descriptive and using mathematical words. As they grow, build on what they notice about shapes, numbers, and measures. This is how you teach them mathematics.



THE SHEPPARTON SMALL SCHOOLS  
NETWORK PROUDLY PRESENTS ...

***"Contagious Calm & Good Enough Parent"***

*Guest speaker ~ Michelle Trudgen ~ Clinical Social Worker*

Research shows how the difficulties of parents to deal with negative thoughts, emotions and physical sensations is positively correlated with behavioural problems, emotional distress, anxiety disorders and depression in Children/adolescents.

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This presentation will include the psycho-education of anxiety, the response of "Contagious Calm" and parents recognising the relationship dance with their child/adolescent to be a "Good Enough Parent."

**WHEN:** Monday 14th August 2017

**WHERE:** The Shepparton RSL

**COST:** Free

**TIME:** 6.30pm to 8.00pm

**RSVP:** Bookings are essential.

**RSVP** to your school by **Wednesday 9th August**

We hope that you can join us for this  
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# TALLY P.S. CALENDAR – TERM 3 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
24 Breakfast Club Newsletter - full Bike Ed. 3 Buddies	25 Chaplain Cooking – JH Bike Ed. 4	26 OSH Grease Perf F-6 Bike Ed. 5	27 OSH Breakfast Club Chaplain Bike Ed. 6 Playgroup	28 OSH LOTE / Library Music
31 Breakfast Club Mini Newsletter SS – Table Tennis	1 Chaplain Cooking – JH SS – AFL / Footy PE / SCIENCE	2 OSH Speech Therapy	3 OSH Breakfast Club Chaplain	4 OSH Art Men Shed Visit 4
WOORABINDA CAMP				
7 Breakfast Club Newsletter - full SS – Table Tennis Buddies First Aid in School	8 Chaplain Cooking – JH SS – AFL / Footy	9 OSH School Council	10 OSH Breakfast Club Chaplain Playgroup	11 OSH LOTE / Library Music CFA Van Visit
14 Breakfast Club Mini Newsletter SS – Table Tennis Parents Club Mtg.	15 Chaplain Cooking – JH SS – AFL / Footy PE / SCIENCE Jump Off Day	16 OSH	17 OSH Breakfast Club Chaplain	18 OSH Art Men Shed Visit 5 School Disco
21 Breakfast Club Newsletter - full SS – Table Tennis Buddies	22 Chaplain Cooking – JH SS – AFL / Footy	23 OSH Speech Therapy	24 OSH Breakfast Club Chaplain Playgroup Munch N Crunch	25 OSH LOTE / Library Music Miss Beer Finishes Choir Performance

JULY / AUGUST

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 Mini Newsletter Ath. Sports	29 Chaplain Cooking – JH SS – AFL / Footy PE / SCIENCE	30 OSH	31 OSH Chaplain Ath. Sports B. Up	1 OSH Art Men Shed Visit 6 Dad's Day Brecky
4 Breakfast Club Newsletter - full SS – Table Tennis	5 Chaplain SS – AFL / Footy Prod. Matinee	6 OSH Prod. Night	7 OSH Breakfast Club Chaplain Buddies Playgroup	8 OSH LOTE / Library Music
PRODUCTION				
11 Breakfast Club Mini Newsletter SS – Table Tennis	12 Chaplain Cooking – JH SS – AFL / Footy PE / SCIENCE	13 OSH Speech Therapy Mr B Away	14 OSH Breakfast Club Chaplain	15 OSH Art Fun Run
18 Breakfast Club Newsletter - full SS – Table Tennis Buddies	19 Chaplain Cooking – JH	20 OSH School Council Mr B Returns	21 OSH Breakfast Club Chaplain Playgroup Multicultural Day	22 OSH LOTE / Library Music Casual Day End of Term 2.25
25	26	27	28	29
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER